

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this Application and the rejection of the Preliminary Amendment filed on December 12, 2003 is respectfully requested. Applicants have attempted to address every issue in the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed April 19, 2005, and believe that the Supplemental Amendment complies with 37 C.F.R. 1.121.


The Examiner has rejected the Preliminary Amendment filed on December 12, 2003 because Applicants' Attorney did not sign the Information Disclosure Statement, and Applicants did not submit a marked-up version of the Substitute Specification.

To overcome these rejections, Applicants have enclosed an Information Disclosure Statement signed by Applicants' Attorney along with the required check for \$180.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p). In addition, Applicants have deleted the four references from the December 12, 2003 Information Disclosure Statement that were cited in the January 16, 2001 Information Disclosure Statement as these references have already been considered by the Examiner. Furthermore, Applicants have enclosed a marked-up version of the Substitute Specification that was filed on December 12, 2003. Applicants respectfully request that the marked-up Substitute Specification be entered into the above-identified application.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that the Amendment is now in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.121, and respectfully requests that the Amendment be entered. Should the Examiner discover there are remaining issues which may be resolved by a telephone interview, he is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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